

29 June 1955

MEMORANDUM FOR: Special Support Assistant to DD/S

FROM: Policy & Planning Staff, OC

SUBJECT: Status, Office of Communications War Planning

1. Per your verbal request, the following is submitted as a short summary of Office of Communications war planning:

a. The principal objective of Office of Communications war planning is to assure the readiness to expand our capability in time of war as rapidly as events dictate, and to replace as required those facilities which are lost to enemy action. The plans deal generally with three problems; the establishment of fixed facilities to satisfy communications requirements which will exist on D-Day, the establishment of equipment stockpiles designed and located in such a manner as to provide a maximum back-up or expansion capability in areas where CIA war plans and JCS/CINC planning assumptions indicate a need, and the completion of redeployment and military personnel requirement plans designed to provide trained and properly located manpower.

b. The establishment of fixed facilities to absorb D-Day requirements will be completed except for minor modification when the major radio base station at [] is finished in FY-1957. Additional fixed facilities in the Indian Ocean area are desirable, but unlikely to be established in peacetime due to political considerations. The equipment stockpiles, which encompass both base radio and agent radio equipment, are currently in the procurement and packaging stage. The establishment of the stockpile overseas began several years ago, and is scheduled for basic completion during the next twenty-four months. Warehouse accommodations for the stockpile are for the most part ready in the overseas areas, the relocation of the [] stockpile to a less vulnerable location being the most important current problem in this regard. The personnel redeployment plans are virtually complete. The wartime military personnel requirements have been drawn up and forwarded through appropriate CIA channels. Agreement has been reached with the military services on the staff traffic capability they must maintain for our use in wartime, and the requirements are revised semi-annually.

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c. Major problems in the war plans field as yet unresolved are the following:

(1) The extent of unconventional communications support to be rendered to the military unconventional warfare forces under each theater commander, e.g., Army Special Forces.

(2) Location of the wartime [] and the extent of CIA communications support requirements. 25X1

(3) [] base requirements, and forward base requirements in [] 25X1
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(4) Possible relocation of the [] stockpile. 25X1

(5) Method by which supply of "common items" by the military services in wartime, when and where they are required, will be assured.

2. The above is not a comprehensive study but in line with your request touches the highlights of the program, its status, and the unresolved problems.

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War Plans Officer